

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Bates, Kruse, Morse, Shields, Monnes Anderson
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 2/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires health benefit plans to cover medically necessary dental or orthodontic services for treatment of craniofacial anomalies.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Early prevention treatments saves money
- Provisions of measure
- These types of anomalies are physical conditions, not cosmetic
- Age of children receiving surgeries
- Parent's personal experience with child with cleft palate
- Proper and timely treatment
- Spectrum of services for cleft palate

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Craniofacial anomalies (CFA) are a diverse group of deformities in the growth of the head and facial bones. Some of the more common CFAs are: cleft lip and palate, craniosynostosis, hemifacial microsomia, vascular malformation and hemangioma. Cleft palate reconstructive surgery is done as a response to a birth defect that results in an opening in the roof of the mouth.